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As a voting US citizen and as a professional in the computer field, I am voicing my disapproval of the current Microsoft settlement. The proposed settlement is a joke. No real penalty is brought against Microsoft for their monopolistic practices. Microsofts monopoly hurts all computer consumers, including the Federal and State governments. The only way to ensure competition and innovation is to break Microsoft into at least two separate operating system companies (maybe a third for applications). Also, some kind of federal mandate that all government offices use some percentage of open source software such as Linux or FreeBSD. Currently the attitude in federal offices and labs is 'Nobody ever got fired for buying Microsoft.' You have the power to level the playing field. Until now the multi-billion dollar cash pile in Redmond has been able to buy 'MS Justice', I truly hope that you will not accept the current settlement, it will only hurt American computer users for generations. Thanks.

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